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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [   ] Viewers   25X1

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1. [   ] and I visited [   ] on Thursday,   25X1
September 8, 1960, to determine the possible delivery dates of these
instruments. There are only two problems remaining to delay the receipt
of these instruments. The first problem is the basic design of the
illumination system to produce Koehler illumination. The approach
[   ] took to solve this problem was to mount the light so   25X1
that a right angle bend was necessary before the film stage. This was
done, I suppose, to conserve space in the instrument. This is a rather
elegant solution to what would seem to be a simple problem if it were
handled by a plain 45° angle mirror and a field lens mounted above this
to accomplish the conversion of an illumination at the nodal point of
the projection lense. However, instead of this simple solution, they
have elected to grind a complex aspheric mirror which gathers, perhaps
more effectively, the light from the source and directs it to the nodal
point. This aspheric surface is generated and all four mirrors involved
form one block setting at a complicated grind procedure. The results
of the first two tries left a ridge in the mirror which causes a distinct
band of illumination differences across the middle portion of the screen
which is intolerable.

2. Because of the delay and lack of confidence in [   ] cap-   25X1
ability to accomplish this fairly complicated system, I made the decision
that work would stop on 21 September whether the instrument was finished
or not, and that all materials would be delivered in the assembled as is
condition. This decision was made in order to avoid spending more money
in the present overrun situation. I believe that either [   ]   25X1
illumination system, which he has proposed to PIC or some other system by
[   ] could readily be substituted to solve this   25X1
problem. I am very concerned about the performance of [   ]   25X1
on this project and I am anxious to see this project terminated at the
earliest possible date. The two weeks allowed will permit them to make
one further grinding of these aspheric surfaces to eliminate this distor-
tion. Under the circumstances this was the most fair and objective course
of action I could take.

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